

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/709,168
Docket NO.: 11091-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Hosoda et al. (U.S. 2004/0190435; hereafter Hosoda). Reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Hosoda et al. (U.S. 2004/0190435; hereafter Hosoda). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), applicants respectfully submit an English translation of Taiwanese application No. 92114124 corresponding to this application for consideration of the foreign priority. In addition, a statement signed by translator under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 showing that the submitted English translation is an accurate translation of this application is attached herewith. Applicant claims foreign priority benefits of Taiwanese application No. 92114124 filed on May 26, 2003, and this application should be entitled to have the earlier filing date.

Hence, it is clearly believed that the cited reference provided by Hosoda (U.S. 2004/0190435) with a filing date on March 22, 2004 is not qualified as a prior art according to the Amendment of Patent Law by the American Inventor Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA), which renders the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 moot.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-17 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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